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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO PORTUGAL

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1. I CALLED NOVEMBER 3 ON LEIF LEIFLAND, MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON. LEIFLAND HAD JUST RETURNED FROM BUDAPEST, WHERE HE HAD ACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT (REFTEL).

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2. LEIFLAND SAID HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE

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HUNGARIAN CONCERN ABOUT CHINA, ONE HUNGARIAN OFFICIAL ALLUDED TO THE "YELLOW PERIL." LEIFLAND SAID THE GOH HAD WANTED TO INCLUDE IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE A PASSAGE SUPPORTING THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO LEIFLAND, SWEDES CONSIDERED THIS AN ANTI-CHINESE PLOY, AND INFORMED THE HUNGARIANS THAT THEY COULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES AGREE TO THE INCLUSION OF SUCH A STATEMENT. LEIFLAND SAID HE COMMENTED TO HIS HUNGARIAN COUNTERPART, FACETIOUSLY, THAT INCLUSION OF SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD FURTHER SPILIT THE SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY (VPK), WHICH HE, LEIFLAND, PRESUMSD WOULD NOT BE TO THE HUNGARIAN'S LIKING. THE HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS "SMILINGLY" LET THE MATTER DROP, LEIFLAND SAID.

3. THE HUNGARIANS WANTED TO INCLUDE IN THE COMMUNIQUE A STATEMENT THAT THE CONVENING OF A GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE MID-EAST WOULD BE A "NECESSARY STEP" TOWARDS ACHIEVING A FINAL MID-EAST SETTLEMENT. THE SWEDES REJECTED THIS LANGUAGE AND INSTEAD AGREED TO A SENTENCE REFERRING TO THE "USEFULNESS" OF A GENEVA MEETING.

4. ACCORDING TO LEIFLAND, THE HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ANDERSSON THAT THE GOH WAS "DISTURBED" BY REPORTS OF "INTERVENTION" BY WESTERN GOVERNMENTS IN PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS. THE HUNGARIANS REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO ALLEGED "ECONOMIC PRESSURE" BY WESTERN GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CHANGES IN PORTUGAL'S POLICIES. LEIFLAND SAID ANDERSSON REPLIED THAT THE GOS HAD SUPPORTED THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY FOR OVER 30 YEARS, AND THAT FOR PART OF THAT TIME, THE SWEDISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAD FUNDED PS LEADER SOARES' RESIDENCE IN PARIS. (ACCORDING TO LEIFLAND, THE IMPLICATION OF ANDERSSON'S COMMENTS WAS THAT SWEDEN, AFTER ITS YEARS OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE PORTUGUESE OPPOSITION, WAS NOT ABOUT TO BE INSTRUCTED NOW ON HOW IT SHOULD CONDUCT IS RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL.)
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